

Abstract of the Disclosure

**NOVEL CHIMPANZEE ERYTHROPOIETIN (CHEPO) POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS  
ENCODING THE SAME**

The present invention is directed to novel chimpanzee erythropoietin polypeptides and to nucleic acid molecules encoding those polypeptides. Also provided herein are vectors and host cells comprising those nucleic acid sequences, chimeric polypeptide molecules comprising the polypeptides of the present invention fused to heterologous polypeptide sequences, and antibodies which bind to the polypeptides of the present invention.

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